July 3, 1973

Rhode Island Historical Society
52 Power Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Attn: Librarian

Dear Sir:

I am doing some research on Samuel Pomeroy Colt, a lawyer and businessman who lived in Providence and Bristol approximately 1877 until his death in 1921.

From a Who's Who In America, I see he was a member of the General Assembly from 1876-79. Could you tell me to what position he was elected? He also held the post of Asst. Atty. General 1879-81 and Atty. General 1882-85. Were those also elective offices?

If you have any printed material on Mr. Colt that can be reproduced, I should be happy to pay for copies. Am especially interested in any photographs you might have of him, newspaper clippings of elections or appointments, or any type of business news he might have made (especially his becoming president of U.S. Rubber and Nat. India Rubber Co. or forming Industrial Trust.)

I shall be most grateful for any information you can relay.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5649 Donald Street
Stevensville, Mich. 49127

July 3, 1973

Dedham Historical Society
612 High Street
Dedham, Massachusetts

Attn: Librarian

Dear Sir:

I am doing some research, trying to find a man by the name of Seth Paul. Could you tell me if it is possible if he was a child of Ebenezer and Susan (Dresser) Paul who resided in Dedham? Their eldest was a son, Henry Martyn Paul, born 6-25-1851, so another son would date after that time. The Paul's were descendants of Richard Paul (1636), one of the first settlers of Cohannet.

If you can find him in your records, I should be interested in knowing what his profession was, and anything of especial interest about him--perhaps where he went to school. I have only a slight lead that he attended Columbia, or may have been a professor there.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Mich. 49127

Encl - SASE

July 20, 1973

Mrs. May W. Cochrane
Assistant Librarian
Dedham Historical Society
612 High Street
Dedham, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Cochrane:

Am in receipt of your letter of the 17th. Enclosed please find my check for $3.50 for the records you located on Seth Paul of Taunton, Mass.

Since this is the same general area in which I'm conducting a search for this man, I am hopeful it is the right one. If, from the records you will forward, it appears to be the right person, is there any chance you might have anything further on Mr. Paul, or would you suggest I contact the Historical Society in Taunton?

Thanks so much for your time in searching.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Mich. 49127

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July 3, 1973

Mr. R. H. Wagner
Colt Firearms Industries
Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Enclosed please find my check for research on the following gun:

Model: 1853 Pocket Conversion
Ser. No.: 3558
Add'l Info.: Bears inscription "Seth Paul with compliments Sam'l P. Colt". Cased.

Any information you can supply would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Mich. 49127

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July 3, 1973

The Industrial Trust Company
111 Westminster
Providence, Rhode Island

Attn: Company Historian

Dear Sir:

I have been doing some research on Samuel Pomeroy Colt. According to Who's Who in America, Mr. Colt founded the Industrial Trust Co. and was its president from 1887-1908 and then chairman of the board beginning 1908.

Could you please confirm these dates and tell me how long he was on the board?

I understand that Mr. Colt was a director or officer of several other corporations. If you could tell me some of the companies he was affiliated with, I should be most grateful. Also would like to know if Mr. Seth Paul was ever affiliated with Industrial Trust during Mr. Colt's era.

Thank you so much for your time and attention to my inquiry.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Michigan
49127

Encl. - SASE

Colt Industries

Firearms Division
150 Huyshope Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06102
203/278-8550

October 5, 1973

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Michigan 49127

Dear Ms. Kaekel,

Reference is made to your letter requesting historical information on Colt 1853 Pocket Conversion, Serial Number 3558.

We are sorry to inform you we will not be able to locate the shipping record or any information pertaining to this arm. The records apparently were lost or destroyed years ago.

Since we are unable to provide historical information regarding your old Colt revolver, we are making arrangements with our Accounts Payable Department to return any remittance sent with your letter.

We regret we are unable to be of assistance to you at this time.

Yours very truly,

M. S. Huber
Historian

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Columbia University in the City of New York | *New York, N.Y. 10027*

COLUMBIANA COLLECTION Low Library

July 25, 1973

Ms. Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Michigan 49127

Dear Ms. Kaekel:

Your letter of July 6th has been referred to me for reply.

A check of faculty and student records shows no one of the name Seth Paul associated with the University in either capacity in the years of Samuel P. Colt's attendance here. Should he have been employed in a minor non-faculty capacity, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to determine as there are no general directories of employees in that period.

Regarding Samuel P. Colt himself, we have several obituary notices, all containing the same basic information which no doubt you already have. However, if you would like Xerox copies of the obituaries I can have them made for you.

Sincerely yours,

Alice H. Bonnell

Alice H. Bonnell
Curator, Columbiana

July 6, 1973

Columbia University
Director of Archives
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

I am doing some research on Samuel Pomeroy Colt, who took his LL.B. degree in 1876 from Columbia University. Am also trying to make some connection between Mr. Colt and a man by the name of Seth Paul.

He may have had some connection with the university--such as being a student in the same class as Mr. Colt, or perhaps may have been a professor, or administrator during that era.

Would be very grateful for any information you might be able to supply. If there would be any costs involved, I will be all too happy to remit a check.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Michigan
49127

Encl - SASE

July 30, 1973

Ms. Alice H. Bonnell
Low Library
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Ms. Bonnell:

Thank you so much for the time and effort you put into my request regarding Seth Paul and Samuel Pomeroy Colt.

As I am just getting started on my research, I have as yet no obituary notices on Mr. Colt. Would be most grateful if you can supply them. Please let me know if there is some charge for same, I shall be happy to remit.

Thanks again for your efforts.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Mich.
49127

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OLD COLONY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
66 CHURCH GREEN
TAUNTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02780

PRESIDENT, HON. GORDON M. OWEN
SECRETARY, CHARLES E. GELETTE, JR.

August 21, 1973

Mrs. Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Michigan 49127

Dear Mrs. Kaekel:

Your letter of recent date regarding information on Seth Paul received. The Taunton Vital Statistics do list Seth Paul, Born October 25, 1848, Son of Thomas B. and Lydia Paull.

However, we spent considerable time searching through six volumes (The Descendants of William Paul of Taunton) and while we found several men named Seth, none of them were born in 1848 or married Lydia Paul.

We are sorry that we were unable to locate the information you required.

Sincerely yours,

Chas E. Gelette Jr

Charles E. Gelette, Jr.
Secretary

CEG/jm

Old Colony Historical Society
66 Church Green
Taunton, Massachusetts

Attn: Librarian

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been conducting a search for a man by the name of Seth Paul, who presumably was from your area. Through the Dedham Historical Society I have found one Seth Paul (Paull) listed in the Taunton birth records. He was born October 25, 1848, the son of Thomas B., a machinist and Lydia Paul.

This seems to be the right age and location for the man I'm doing research on. I wonder if you might have anything of interest in your records on this individual. The Seth Paul I'm looking for had an association with Samuel Pomeroy Colt, whose family at one time resided in Dedham. Mr. Colt was quite prominent in politics and in business during his years in Rhode Island. The association with Mr. Paul would have been in approximately 1873.

If you have anything on Mr. Paul I would be most interested. If any records you have can be copied, I would be happy to pay any fee involved.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald St.
Stevensville, Michigan
49127

Encl - SASE

August 14, 1973

September 28, 1973

Curator
Elbert Hubbard Library Museum
East Aurora, New York

Dear Sir:

I am doing some research on Samuel Pomeroy Colt, and I have been informed by the Rhode Island Historical Society that Elbert Hubbard wrote a book entitled "A Little Journey to the Home of Samuel Pomeroy Colt". It was supposedly printed in 1915 by The Roycrofters.

Since Mr. Colt and Mr. Hubbard were quite prominent men in their time, I wonder if you could tell me anything about this publication. Such as how many copies were printed, and if so was it done exclusively for Mr. Colt's own distribution, or was it offered for sale. Also, if you know if there was some personal connection between the two men; possibly business or personal friendship perhaps.

I am interested in obtaining a copy of the book and have been writing rare bookdealers trying to find a copy. If you happen to know of a dealer who specializes in Mr. Hubbard's books, I should be especially happy to have that party's name and address.

Would be most grateful for anything you can tell me about this book, the author and the subject.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Mich. 49127

Encl - SASE

THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LIBRARY at 121 HOPE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02906
Telephone (401) 331-0448

LIBRARY HOURS
Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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Because of a small staff and the many requests for genealogical information The Rhode Island Historical Society does not undertake research either for its members or for others. If we can provide any information quickly and easily it will be given below. We are sorry that we cannot be more helpful.

☒ We have no listing in our genealogy file or card catalog for the persons you mention.

☐ We do have material on the Paul/Paull family but cannot tell which of it relates to the particular individuals you mention.

☐ We have the following material:

September 11, 1973

Dear Mrs. Kaekel:

According to the 1865 Rhode Island State Census (the last one indexed) Seth Paull was age 24, born in Bristol of American born parents. His occupation was given as farmer. His wife was Eugenia Paull, age 21, also born in Bristol. You may wish to contact someone on the list below to do further research.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy F. Chudacoff
Nancy F. Chudacoff
Reference Librarian

There follows a list of genealogists and researchers who have established reputations for reliability. Naturally the Society assumes no obligations nor does it guarantee the accuracy of the work of any person; all arrangements must be made directly with whomever you select.

Research on Rhode Island History
CLARKSON A. COLLINS, 3rd
110 Lloyd Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island 02906
(401) 331-9819

Consultant on Heraldry
HENRY L. P. BECKWITH, Jr.
6 Villa Avenue
Providence, Rhode Island 02906
(401) 751-4674

WILLIAM A. MacLELLAN, LL.B.
137 Middle Highway
Barrington, Rhode Island 02806
Member of New England
Historic Genealogical Society
(401) 246-0177

FRANCIS RICHMOND SEARS, LL.B.
108 Elm Street
Swansea, Massachusetts 02777
Specializes in all types of research
in Rhode Island and
Southeastern Massachusetts
Correspondence invited
(617) 672-5458

MRS. GEORGE C. SCOTT
10 East George Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02906
(401) 751-7608

THOMAS J. GOFF STUDIO
Heraldic Sculptor
Bronze Coats of Arms
Medals • Plaques • Tablets • Relief
1227 Hope Street
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809
(401) 253-6846

MRS. CHARLES DELMAR TOWNSEND
Certified Genealogist
R.F.D. 3, Box 120
Middleboro, Massachusetts 02346

August 30, 1973

Nancy F. Chudahoff
Rhode Island Historical Society
52 Power Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Chudahoff:

In some of the material received from you on Samuel Pomeroy Colt, I find several men by the name of Paul. I am trying to associate Mr. Colt with a man by the name of Seth Paul and I see that a man by the name of Seth Paul, Jr. signed the petition to the General Assembly for the election of Mr. Colt to the office of United States Senator.

Have been looking for this man in Dedham and Taunton, Massachusetts area and did find one Seth Paul born in October 25, 1848, the son of Thomas B. (a machinist) and Lydia Paul. However, historical societies in that area can tell me no more.

The association between Mr. Colt and Mr. Paul would have been in 1873 and apparently thereafter. Since there seem to be many Paul's on that petition, I wonder if you could check your records for Seth Paul. I imagine this man had to be of some prominence and if these are the same Paul's then possibly you may have some kind of records.

Again, I shall be more than happy to pay for any copies of records you may have on this gentleman, and again wish to express my utmost appreciation for your help. By the way, the photograph of Mr. Colt was excellent.

Sincerely,

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Mich.
49127

Encl - SASE

THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT JOHN BROWN HOUSE, BUILT IN 1786 52 POWER STREET, PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02906

Telephone (401) 331-8575

Library at 121 HOPE STREET
Telephone (401) 331-0448

July 12, 1973

Ms. Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, MI 49127

Dear Ms. Kaekel:

Enclosed find Xerox copies of information about Samuel Pomeroy Colt. I have also enclosed a list of references from our catalogs. A black and white glossy photograph of the portrait from MEN OF PROGRESS can be made for approximately $9.50.

Samuel P. Colt was a representative from Bristol to the Rhode Island General Assembly, 1876-79. The post of Assistant Attorney General was appointive and that of Attorney General ~~General~~ elective.

If you need additional information about Mr. Colt, we can provide you with the names of professional or student researchers. You may wish to hire someone to search the newspapers for more information about Colt's business interests.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy F. Chudacoff

Nancy F. Chudacoff
Reference Librarian

encl.

July 19, 1973

Ms. Nancy F. Chudacoff
Reference Librarian
Rhode Island Historical Society
121 Hope Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Ms. Chudacoff:

Am in receipt of your letter of July 12th, and wish to thank you for all the information supplied.

Enclosed is my check for $10.00 for the glossy photo of Samuel Pomeroy Colt from MEN of PROGRESS.

In regard to the references of which you sent copies, is it possible to obtain Xerox copies of the following:

1) R.I. Hist. C72S
Colt, Col. Samuel Pomeroy
(Petition to the Gen'l Assy., Jan. Session, 1907, in regard to election of Col. S. P. Colt of Bristol to office of U. S. Senator.)

2) R.I. Towns Pr -8- U
Colt, Samuel P.
Addresses in response to toasts at a dinner to the directors of the U.S. Rubber Company at the Metropolitan Club Nov. 23, 1909.

3) R.I. Auth. C-72-S
Colt, Sam'l P.
Dinner tendered to the Directors, Officers, Counsel and Operating Staff of the United States Rubber Co. By Samuel Pomeroy Colt.

4) Misc. Mss. Sa-99
Colt, Samuel P.
letters to Wm F. Sayles, dated June 29, 1885 to June 28, 1886.

Also, I have a question regarding the two reference cards marked, R.I. Biog. C72S, Colt, Samuel Pomeroy, A Little Journey to the Home of Samuel Pomeroy Colt. Is this a single book or one of a set of biographies on Rhode Island? I would be interested in trying to obtain a copy through a rare bookdealer if possible, but if it is one of a set, it may not be very easy.

THE RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AT JOHN BROWN HOUSE, BUILT IN 1786 52 POWER STREET, PROVIDENCE, R. I. 02906

Telephone (401) 331-8575

Library at 121 HOPE STREET
Telephone (401) 331-0448

July 25, 1973

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, MI 49127

Dear Ms. Kaekel:

Under separate cover I have sent Xerox copies of the material you requested about Samuel P. Colt.

A LITTLE JOURNEY TO THE HOME OF SAMUEL POMEROY COLt is a short (42 pages) anecdotal biography by Elbert Hubbard. It was printed by The Roycrofters in East Aurora, New York in 1915. I would imagine that it is a limited edition, but you may be able to obtain a copy through a rare book dealer.

I have listed below the name of a student available to do research, and I have enclosed a list of professional researchers.

Your order for a photograph of Samuel P. Colt.is being processed. It may take a week or two.

I hope this information will be of help.

Sincerely yours,
Nancy F. Chudacoff
Nancy F. Chudacoff
Reference Librarian

Mr. Gary Endelman
158 Cypress Street
Providence, RI 02906
401:861-6582

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Pension or bounty-land warrant application files usually include an official statement of the veteran's military or naval service, as well as information of a personal or genealogical nature. If we find such a file, we send copies of the documents we think will be most useful to you.

Military service records based on service in the United States Army (officers who served before June 30, 1917, enlisted men before October 31, 1912), Navy (officers and enlisted men who served before 1886), Marine Corps (officers and enlisted men who served before 1896), and Confederate armed forces (1861-65).

Military service records rarely contain family information. The record of a man's service in any one organization is entirely separate from the record of his service in any other organization. We are ordinarily unable to accurately establish the identity of men of the same name who served in different organizations. If you know that a man served in more than one organization and you desire copies of his military service record, submit a separate form for the service record in each organization.

More information about these records may be found in our free Genealogical Information Kit.

Send the completed form to the address on the front of the form. When you send more than one form at a time, each order will be handled separately; you may not receive all your replies at the same time.

When we find numerous files for the veteran, we suggest that you visit the National Archives and examine the various files, or hire a professional researcher to examine the files for you. The Board for Certification of Genealogists, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036, can provide you with the names of persons in the Washington area willing to do research for a fee.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE

ORDER FOR COPIES—VETERANS RECORDS

(See reverse for explanation)

DATE RECEIVED: JUN 3 1974

IDENTIFICATION OF VETERAN

1. NAME OF VETERAN (Last name, first, middle)	2. DATE OF BIRTH	3. PLACE OF BIRTH
Colt, Samuel Pomeroy	1-10-1852	Paterson, N.Jersey
4. WAR IN WHICH OR DATES BETWEEN WHICH HE SERVED	**5. STATE FROM WHICH HE SERVED**	**6. UNIT IN WHICH HE SERVED (Name of regiment or number, company, etc., or name of ship)**
1875-77	Rhode Island	?

7. BRANCH IN WHICH HE SERVED
- ☐ INFANTRY ☐ CAVALRY ☐ ARTILLERY ☐ NAVY
- ☒ OTHER (Specify) Staff, Gov. Henry Lippit of R.I.

8. KIND OF SERVICE
- ☐ VOLUNTEERS
- ☐ REGULARS ?

9. IF SERVICE WAS CIVIL WAR
- ☐ UNION
- ☐ CONFEDERATE

10. PLACE(S) WHERE VETERAN LIVED AFTER SERVICE	11. PENSION OR BOUNTY LAND FILE NUMBER	12. NAME OF WIDOW OR OTHER CLAIMANT
Bristol, R.I.	-----	Elizabeth M. Bullock Colt
13. IF VETERAN LIVED IN A HOME FOR SOLDIERS, ENTER LOCATION (City and State)	**14. DATE OF DEATH**	**15. PLACE OF DEATH**
no	8-13-21	Bristol, R.I.

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Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald St.
Stevensville, Mich. 49127

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☐ ENCLOSED ARE COPIES FROM ____ FILES ON THIS VETERAN. YOU ARE BEING BILLED $1 FOR EACH FILE REPRODUCED.

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☐ WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO FIND A RECORD FOR A VETERAN, THIS DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN THAT HE DID NOT SEPVE. YOU MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HIM FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE STATE CONCERNED.

☐ PLEASE COMPLETE BLOCKS 1 (GIVE FULL NAME), 4, AND 5 AND RESUBMIT.

☐ SEE ATTACHED FORMS/LEAFLETS. ☐ SEE REVERSE. ☐ SEE ATTACHED BILL.

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	FILE DESIGNATION	

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INDUSTRIAL NATIONAL CORPORATION
55 Kennedy Plaza, Providence, Rhode Island 02903

August 14, 1973

Ms. Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Michigan 49127

Dear Ms. Kaekel:

We are sorry for the delay in answering your letter of July 3, 1973.

The only information we can give you is that Samuel P. Colt was the first president of the Industrial Trust Company serving from February 17, 1887 to January 21, 1908. He was appointed Chairman of the Board January 21, 1908 serving in that capacity until his death August 13, 1921.

Very truly yours,

Emma B. Reed

Emma B. Reed

The Elbert Hubbard Library-Museum
East Aurora, New York 14052

10/3/'73

Dear Mrs. Kaekel,

The "Little Journey" to which you referred in your recent letter of inquiry is not included in the standard fourteen volume set of "Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great". Elbert Hubbard's granddaughter, Mrs. Nancy Hubbard Brady, tells me, however, that E. Hubbard sometimes wrote articles under that same title for the exclusive use of a particular firm. She suggests that you contact the Colt Co. to request a search of their archives.

I'm sorry that I can't be more helpful and I'm wishing you better luck with other "should-be" sources of information.

Sincerely,
Una I. Cartwright
Co-Curator

DEDHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02026

July 17, 1973

Karla M. Kaelkel,
5640 Donald St,
Stevensville, Mich.

Dear Ms. Kaelkel:

We have found some records of Pauls but sorry to write none of Seth in Dedham Vital Records.

Did find Seth Paul around Taunton Mass. Would he be of any interest to you?

Sincerely,
(Mrs) May W. Cochrane
(Asst. lib.)

P.S.
If you want the records above there is a chge of $3.00 and .50 for postage and handling.

Karla M. Kaekel
5640 Donald Street
Stevensville, Michigan
49127

7/19/73

This is to acknowledge receipt of your remittance in the amount of $ 15.00 .

The information requested will be researched as soon as possible. However, due to a temporary accumulation of incoming mail, there will be a delay of approximately 60 to 90 days before your request can be processed. We sincerely regret any inconvenience and will do everything possible to shorten this delay.

Cordially,

Colt's Industries Operating Corp.

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